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New Street Car Depot, PW Camps Nos. 7238/1
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there were on an average 1200 German prisoners-of-war, among whom were some non-commissioned officers. The camp of neatly maintained wooden barracks is located about four to five kilometers in a westerly direction from the city. Feath and sanitary conditions were good.

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The Avto-Rem-Zavod Saratov repaired automobile bodies and frames of approximately 90 to 100 two-ton Ford trucks monthly. The motors were repaired in a sister work at the opposite end of the city. The undertaking employed about 100 Russian civilians and 80 P.W.s. Work was done in one or two shifts, according to the urgency of the order. The equipment is old with only a few pieces of German war-booty machines and tools. After the production of the Ford two-tonner was established, the plant is reported to have gone into the repair of another type of truck as well.

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3. [REDACTED] the new street car depot (car barns) in Saratov, which is located on the right side (about 500 meters) of the main street, Leninskaya, in the direction of the main railway station. The distance from the depot to the Volga River is approximately six kilometers. The depot was built in 1904 and is managed by a civil engineer.

4. The depot, a building about 200 meters in length and 25 meters in width, has four tracks and houses fifty street cars together with trailers, as well as an electrical repair works in which two street cars can be overhauled monthly. Mechanical installations are modest; lathes are old Russian pieces. The workshop which constructs street car carriages is located in the so-called "old depot" on the opposite side of Leninskaya, somewhat nearer the river. In September 1948, new street cars

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began to arrive from Moscow, which permitted the repair of old discarded equipment.

5. Over the tracks of the new depot is an overhead stairway leading to an observation room from which a supervisor is able to oversee the work in the entire building. The work was divided into two shifts among 80 Russians and 70 PWs.
6. Efforts of the Antifa-Aktives among the workers of the plant were increased by the summer of 1947. Education of factory circles was also permitted. In addition to a special political circle for the leading members of the Aktives, there were also a youth circle and special ideological instructions to lead former Nazi party members towards "democratic" ideals. Two to three times weekly the entire camp had to attend lectures. Invitations were issued politely but emphatically, and whoever avoided attendance was in a number of ways called to account at the first opportunity.
7. In the spring of 1948, a so-called "political camp" (Camp No. 7238/11) was opened in Saratov. To this camp were brought SS members, former members of German police circles and local defence groups, and staff officers for closer examination. The harmless cases are reported to have been returned to a discharge camp (ausgangslager).

ENCLOSURE: ATTACHMENT I (City Plan of Saratov)

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